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Robert BOULIN
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FRANCE

Minister of Labor
(since April 1978)

Addressed as:
Mr. Minister



A well-known political figure, Robert Boulin has held eight different Cabinet posts in the last 17 years. Before assuming his current portfolio, he worked with Prime Minister Raymond Barre as Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in Charge of Parliamentary Relations (1976-77) and then in Charge of Economy and Finance (1977-78). He held earlier Cabinet appointments as Minister of Civil Service (1968), Agriculture (1968-69), and Public Health and Social Security (1969-72).

During World War II, Boulin served with Gen. Charles de Gaulle and was active in the Resistance. Educated in law, he practiced in the city of Libourne, where he has been mayor since 1959. After joining the National Assembly in 1958 as the Gaullist deputy from Gironde, Boulin held a succession of junior ministerial posts as Secretary of State for Repatriation (1961-62), Secretary of State for Budget (1962-66), and Secretary of State for Economy and Finance (1967-68).

The 58-year-old Boulin holds the Croix de Guerre and the Medal of the Resistance. He is married and has two grown children. He enjoys horseback riding.

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